



# *CITY COUNCIL*

## *Public Hearing*

**General Fund Budget  
Thursday, October 20, 2016  
5:00 p.m.**

*This Public Hearing is filmed and can be viewed LIVE while the hearing is taking place or at your convenience any time after the hearing on the City's website at [www.ReadingPa.gov](http://www.ReadingPa.gov), under "Live and Archived Meeting Videos". All electronic recording devices must be located behind the podium area in Council Chambers and located at the entry door in all other meeting rooms and offices, as per Bill No. 27-2012.*

### **RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL MEETINGS**

The Administrative Code, Section § 5-209 defines public participation at Council meetings.

1. Citizens attending Council meetings are expected to conduct themselves in a responsible and respectful manner that does not disrupt the meeting.
2. Those wishing to have conversations should do so in the hall outside Council Chambers in a low speaking voice.
3. Public comment will occur only during the Public Comment period listed on the agenda at the podium and must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Clapping, calling out, and/or cheering when a speaker finishes his comments is not permitted.
4. Citizens may not approach the Council tables at any time during the meeting.
5. Any person making threats of any type, personally offensive or impertinent remarks or any person becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may be barred from speaking, removed from Council Chambers and/or cited.
6. Failure to abide by these regulations could result in your removal from Council Chambers and/or a citation. These regulations are meant to avoid disruptions at the meeting and they are not meant to interfere with public participation.

## **I. Call to Order & Purpose**

The purpose of this hearing is to obtain public comment on the proposed General Fund Budget.

### **1. OPENING MATTERS**

#### **A. CALL TO ORDER**

### **2. BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – City Administration**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

*Citizens have the opportunity to address the Council, by registering with the City Clerk by 5 pm on the day of the scheduled Council hearing or by legibly printing their name, address and the subject matter to be discussed on a sign-up sheet found on the podium in Council Chambers between 5 pm and 7 pm on the day of the scheduled hearing. All remarks must be directed to Council as a body and not to any individual Council member or public or elected official in attendance. Any person making personally offensive or impertinent remarks or any person becoming unruly while addressing Council may be called to order by the Presiding Officer and may be barred from speaking before Council, unless permission to continue speaking is granted by the majority vote of Council.*

*All comments by the public shall be made from the speaker's podium. Citizens attending the hearing may not cross into the area beyond the podium. Any materials to be distributed to Council must be given to the City Clerk before the hearing is called to order.*

*Those commenting shall be provided with three (3) minutes to address the body of Council. Additional time may be granted by the body of Council. No comments shall be made from any other location except the podium, and anyone making "out of order" comments may be subject to removal. There will be no demonstration, including applause or cheering, at the conclusion of anyone's remarks. Citizens may not ask questions of Council members or other elected or public officials in attendance.*

### **4. ADJOURN**